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CDBG Awards Presented

In ceremonies in the governor's reception room in mid-January, Governor Stan Stephens presented awards to local officials from the 13 communities selected to receive $4,203,780 in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the fall 1989 grant competition. The grant awards will help finance over $15 million of public facilities and housing projects. Established by Congress in 1974, the CDBG program is designed to assist local governments with community improvement projects that primarily will benefit low and moderate income families.

"I know these funds come at a crucial time for local governments, which are facing the high costs of infrastructure improvements and a restricted tax base," Stephens said. "We are pleased to be able to put these federal dollars to work where they are most needed and can do the most good."

The 13 communities were selected from among almost $7 million in applications submitted by 21 local governments.

Eight local governments will receive public facilities grants to provide or upgrade sewer or water systems that principally serve low and moderate income families: Big Sandy ($375,000), Blaine County for the community of Turner ($86,300), Flathead County for the community of Evergreen ($375,000), Philipsburg ($375,000) and Polson ($375,000). All of these communities are considered by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences to be facing serious and immediate needs to upgrade their sewer or water systems to protect the health of local residents and to meet state water quality standards. In most cases, the grant funds will be used in conjunction with funding from other state or federal programs to help make the improvements affordable for lower income families. In addition, a public facilities grant of $375,000 will be awarded to Custer County to help construct a new facility for the Eastern Montana Mental Health Center, which serves 17 counties in eastern Montana. Malta will receive a $176,500 grant to assist in the construction of a flood control levee. Carbon County will receive a $329,980 grant to assist the Red Lodge senior citizens organization in constructing a new senior center.

Hardin and Wolf Point each will receive a $375,000 housing and neighborhood revitalization grant to provide low interest loans to rehabilitate 80 substandard homes owned or occupied by low and moderate income families. The money, supplemented by $1.4 million from local lenders and other sources, will also help finance the demolition of unsafe, vacant buildings and neighborhood cleanup efforts.

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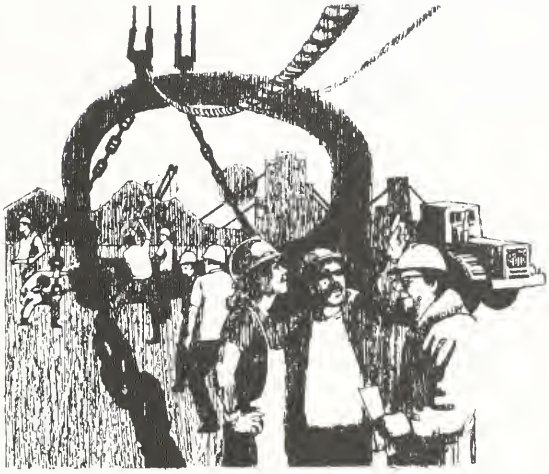

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Brooke Named Acting Director

Governor Stan Stephens has appointed Chuck Brooke acting director of the Department of Commerce.

Brooke, who was former lottery director, assumed responsibilities on February 26, 1990 following Mike Letson's resignation.

DOC Employees Selected for Award

Jake Wines and Judy Gillespie were recently selected from several nominations to receive awards from Governor Stan Stephens during ceremonies honoring Employee Recognition Day February 20, 1990.

Mr. Wines is the lead investigator in the Consumer Affairs Unit, which investigates and attempts to resolve issues of unfair, deceptive and illegal business practices. He has been with the unit since 1975 and, although the unit has dropped from six to 2.6 employees during that time, he has maintained the quality of service that everyone has come to expect, while handling approximately 5,000 complaints per year.

Ms. Gillespie has been with the Montana Board of Housing (MBOH) for over 10 years and holds the accounting and reporting responsibility for the board's Single Family Mortgage Loan Portfolio, now totaling 10,700 loans. In assisting lower income Montanans purchase homes, she is in regular contact with more than 90 statewide lending institutions that perform the monthly servicing of the MBOH loan portfolio.

Audit Findings

On December 18, the Financial-Compliance Audit for the Department of Commerce for the two fiscal years ending June 30, 1989, was heard before the Legislative Audit Committee. The Office of the Legislative Auditor made recommendations on six minor findings. Considering the size and diversity of the department, the audit report was exceptional. Audit findings have decreased even as the agency has grown, from 27 findings in the 1982-83 audit to six findings in the 1988-89 audit. Much of the credit for a "nearly clean audit" goes to the accounting staff in the Management Services Division.

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Governor Stan Stephens presenting check to (l to r) James Kerucher, Kevin Dorwart and Mayor Lester Ollerman.

Total requests from 21 local governments were almost double the amount of grant funds available for Montana. Since 1982, when the Department of Commerce took over administration of the program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, it has provided almost $45 million for more than 120 community projects across the state. The impact of Montana's CDBG program exceeds the total amount of federal dollars awarded to local governments: the CDBG program serves as a catalyst to make possible other public and private investment that otherwise would not have occurred. Overall, the CDBG awards to communities have been matched by an equal expenditure of other public and private funds, making possible millions of dollars of additional public and private investment and construction activity.

CDBG funds also may be used to provide low interest loans to local businesses in order to make business expansion financially feasible and allow creation of jobs for low and moderate income persons. Applications for economic development projects are accepted on a continuous basis by the department's Business Development Division.

State Aviation Conference

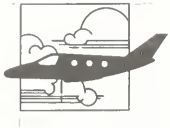
Aloha Airlines Captain Mimi Tompkins of Honolulu, Hawaii, was the featured speaker at the Saturday evening banquet during the sixth annual Montana Aviation Conference held February 28-March 3, 1990, at the Colonial Inn in Helena.

Captain Tompkins' aviation experience served her well in April 1988, when the Aloha Airlines Boeing 737 she was flying lost part of its fuselage during a flight from Hilo to Honolulu. The flight was diverted to Maui, and the crew managed to land the aircraft with the loss of only one life and few injuries to the passengers.

This year's Montana Aviation Conference was co-sponsored by the Montana Aeronautics Division, the Montana Airport Management Association, the Montana Pilots' Association, and the Montana Aviation Trades Association.

Other featured speakers included James L. Kolstad, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board; Bill Shea, Aviation Education Program manager of FAA's New England Region; and Dr. Jerald Cockrell, director of safety for Markair, Anchorage, Alaska. In addition, many other speakers from across Montana and the United States attended the conference and shared their expertise and experiences with aviation enthusiasts at workshops and seminar sessions.

At least 45 exhibitors from across the country participated in a trade show—bringing the latest in aviation products and services to conference attendees. Montana's aerial applicators and aircraft mechanics attended recurrent training sessions that were held in conjunction with the conference. The Montana Aeronautics Board also met as did the various Montana aviation organizations.



Jobs, Jobs, Jobs

The 1990 Census will create more than 1,200 temporary jobs in Montana this year, and the U.S. Census Bureau has begun a major recruiting campaign to attract applicants.

From March through June 1990, the bureau will need census takers throughout the state to check mailing addresses, and to collect and complete census forms. The bureau hopes to hire persons to work in the communities in which they live. In addition to the nearly 1,000 census taker jobs, more than 200 people will be hired this spring to work as office clerks and data entry clerks in the district offices.

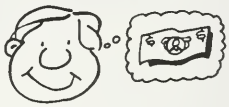
Census jobs are open to qualified applicants 18 years of age and older, and to persons 16-17 years old if they are high school seniors or graduates. Recruiting efforts are consistent with equal opportunity principles. Federal, postal and military retirees may accept a temporary census job without any loss of retirement pay or benefits.

Most jobs will last from three to eight weeks and, in most instances, people will work up to 40 hours a week.

Persons interested in census jobs may contact their state employment offices or the census offices serving their portion of the state.

Contact Billings Census Office, 2718 Montana Ave., 3rd Fl., Billings, MT 59101, phone 406/657-6466 if you reside in Beaverhead, Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, Carter, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Deer Lodge, Fallon, Fergus, Gallatin, Garfield, Golden Valley, Madison, McCone, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland, Wibaux, Yellowstone National Park, or Yellowstone counties.

The Best Temporary Jobs in America



The 1990 Census is a big job. We need thousands of part-time and temporary workers. Would you like to be one of them? You just have to pass a simple test and meet a few other requirements, and you can earn from $5 to $8 an hour depending on where you live. Call your local state employment office for more information.

Answer the Census.
It Counts for More Than You Think!

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What's in the Census for Me?

No one gets paid for answering the census, but it pays off for everyone.

The information your answers provide helps your community leaders decide where to put day care centers, schools, hospitals, and many more services. And, the census is used to determine how many seats your state has in the U.S. House of Representatives so your voice is heard where it counts the most.

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Contact the Helena Census Office, 2580 Skyway Drive, Bsmt., Helena, MT 59601, phone 406/449-5006 if you reside in Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Flathead, Glacier, Granite, Hill, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lake, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, Lincoln, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Pondera, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, Teton or Toole counties.

The 1990 Census marks the 200th anniversary of census taking in America. The U.S. Constitution mandates a census every 10 years to apportion congressional representatives among the states.

Census data also are used by governments at all levels to allocate public funds, by planners to determine where to build hospitals, schools, and highways, and by businesses to locate commercial ventures that create jobs.

Census Trivia

Did you know that ...

... 5,000 tons of paper and 2,700 pounds of ink will be used by a private company to produce the more than 100 million forms and questionnaires needed to count the nation's population during the 1990 census this April?

... the printing, imaging, and assembly of census questionnaires, instruction guides, and enumerator forms are currently underway at more than a dozen printing and production facilities across the country?

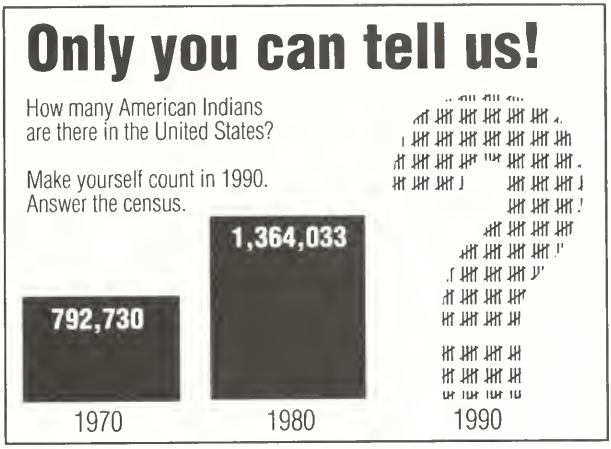
... printing the 81 million short forms is the largest single part of the mammoth print job? It breaks Government Printing Office records by being the largest single-product contract in its history—an $18 million contract awarded to Moore Business Forms, Inc., of Thurmond, Maryland, and Logan, Utah.

... the sheer size of the job—the Census Bureau expects to count approximately 250 million people living in 106 million housing units—and stringent quality control makes the production process complicated and time consuming?

... because automated processes will be used to tabulate the completed forms, all census contractors have to meet exact specifications for ink density and ruboff, paper strength and porosity, and image placement? In fact, every response circle on the census form has to be checked under a microscope to ensure that the ink line is the proper width.

Ensuring that each U.S. household receives and returns a questionnaire is a critical part of the census process. Therefore, machine readable codes are printed on each questionnaire to facilitate their handling upon return. A check-in bar code—similar to those on grocery products—is also part of the questionnaire package and will speed the processing of census data.

All questionnaire production work will be completed by early March. Delivery of census questionnaires begins March 23, with all U.S. residents being asked to complete and return their census form by Census Day—April 1.



Population of American Indians as reported by the 1970 and 1980 Censuses.

Shhh! It's a Secret

Not Immigration, the FBI, the IRS, the courts, the military, welfare agencies—not even the President of the United States—can see your census answers. It's against the law.

And all census workers take an oath to keep your answers confidential.

Answer the Census. It Counts for More Than You Think!

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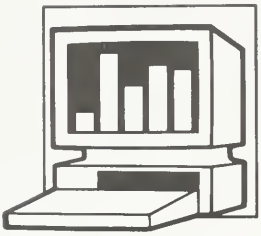
Laser Optics and Computer Software Funded

At its December and January meetings, the Montana Science and Technology Alliance (MSTA) committed funds to Lattice Materials Corporation of Bozeman and Gateway Software Corporation of Billings.



In response to action taken at the December meeting, MSTA closed on a $210,000 financing for Lattice Materials Corporation in early January. The company, which recently located in Bozeman after the founder's move from Colorado Springs, Colorado, plans to manufacture and sell a variety of metallic crystal optic materials for the infrared imaging and laser industries. The company's initial market is silicon crystal optics for the carbon dioxide laser market.

The funds will be used by the company to expand its product lines and for working capital. MSTA's investment is matched dollar-for-dollar by company funds derived from a private stock issue and product sales.

John Tengelsen, founder of Lattice Materials Corporation, is the company's president and chairman of its board of directors. Steve Huntington, executive director of MSTA, will join John Tengelsen and Gary Walton, a previous investor, on the company's board. In addition, two other new members will join the board in the near future.

"Our investment in Lattice Materials Corporation provides an excellent fit with the growing presence of laser and advanced materials companies in the Bozeman area and with our commitment to technology development in Montana," stated Steve Huntington.

MSTA also completed financing for Gateway Software Corporation in mid-February. The Billings company writes software for school administration applications (K-12) for use on the IBM AS/400. MSTA has committed $110,000 to the firm and has reserved an additional $240,000 for future financing. Also as part of the agreement, Dave Desch, an investments manager with MSTA, will hold a seat on the company's board of directors.

Gateway and its president, John Robertson, have developed high quality software products and have an excellent reputation for product support and service. The company's first independently developed product is a school library system. The product allows a number of libraries in a district to "network," thus providing use access to all library materials within the district.

The company has experience in producing a number of programs aimed at the school district market, and positive comments have been made by school district users and IBM officials regarding the quality, support, and usability of Gateway's computer programs. "We're encouraged by Gateway's success to date and the company's development into a solid business presence in Yellowstone County," stated Steve Huntington.

"We look forward to the successful development of both Lattice Materials Corporation and Gateway Software Corporation and to a substantial return to the state from these financings," stated Chase Hibbard, chairman of the MSTA board.

NABP President Amole Installed

Warren R. Amole Jr. was installed as president of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy at the association's 85th annual meeting held in Charleston, South Carolina. He is executive director and pharmacy inspector for the Montana Board of Pharmacy. He served as NABP's 1988-89 president-elect and will chair the NABP executive committee following his year as president.

Amole, a former vice president of NABP, has served on the executive committee since 1982. He is the executive committee liaison to the Bureau of Voluntary Compliance Advisory Committee, a member of the NABPLEX Review Committee and a former member of the Advisory Committee on Examinations.

Amole was owner of College Park Pharmacy in Great Falls for many years before becoming the executive for the Board of Pharmacy. He received the A.H. Robins Bowl of Hygeia Award in 1976, and in 1986 was named the Montana State Pharmaceutical Association's Pharmacist of the Year.

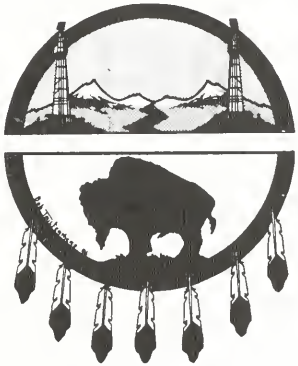
Indian Gambling Negotiations

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) was passed by Congress in the fall of 1988 and outlines the procedure under which gambling can occur on Indian reservations throughout the nation. Congress defined three basic categories of gambling in the legislation and the conditions under which each category would be legal on Indian lands.

Class I gambling is defined as "traditional" Indian gaming where the tribes decide independently where and how it will occur. An example of traditional Indian gaming would be "stick" games, which various tribes have participated in for centuries.

Class II gaming is defined as bingo and live card games, which are currently legal within the state where the reservation is located. Class II gaming would be licensed and regulated by the tribes pursuant to approval by a "National Indian Gaming Commission."

Class III gambling generally is categorized as those forms of gambling one usually finds in a casino atmosphere as well as pari-mutuel racing. The IGRA outlines a procedure where the state and the tribes must negotiate a compact relative to "Class III" gambling on Indian reservations. Only those forms of Class III gambling legal in the state can be legal on the reservation which, in the case of Montana, includes video gambling machines (poker, keno, bingo) and pari-mutuel racing.



The Department of Commerce was designated the lead negotiating agency for the state of Montana because, at the time the legislation was signed by President Reagan, all forms of Class III gambling in Montana were regulated by this agency. Since that time, the Legislature transferred the regulation of the video gambling machines to the Department of Justice under the Attorney General. The current negotiating team for the state includes: Andy Poole, deputy director, Department of Commerce; Annie Bartos, chief counsel, Department of Commerce; Gary Koepplin, executive secretary, Board of Horse Racing, Department of Commerce; Bob Robinson, administrator, Gambling Control Division, Department of Justice; John Williams, bureau chief, Gambling Control Division, Department of Justice. Don Wetzel, Indian Affairs coordinator acts as mediator/facilitator for the negotiations.

The state negotiating team has met several times with delegates from each of the state's seven reservations. In the event that the state and tribal negotiators cannot come to an agreement, the IGRA outlines a procedure where a federal mediator will decide the form of the final (can't read) based on the final positions of the state and the respective tribal government.

Lottery Director Addresses National Meeting

Montana Lottery Director Chuck Brooke was the featured speaker in January at the 1990 New Lottery States Seminar and Exhibition in Atlanta, Georgia. The meeting was sponsored by The Public Gaming Research Institute, which invited Brooke to attend and to provide a presentation on "How to Turn a Slumping Lottery Around."

"I was surprised to discover that the rest of the lottery industry has been watching our efforts so closely," said Brooke. "I feel the invitation to speak is a special kind of recognition by the lottery industry of the extraordinary efforts by our staff to make the Montana Lottery a success. It's something the whole state can be proud of."

While at the conference, Brooke also served as a judge for the New Lottery States Advertising Awards Competition and attended a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Multi-State Lottery Association which oversees the operation of the Lotto*America Game. Brooke is a member of the board of directors.

Effective February 26, 1990, Chuck Brooke was named acting director of the Department of Commerce in response to Mike Letson's resignation. In early March, Montana Lottery Director of Operations Jerry LaChere was appointed acting lottery director by Governor Stan Stephens.

Weights And Measures Week

The Department of Commerce proclaimed March 1-7 as National Weights and Measures Week to commemorate the first weights and measures law that was enacted on March 2, 1799.

The commemorative theme is "progress through consensus among consumer regulators and industry." This highlights the continual work towards uniformity in labeling and packaging laws, specifications and tolerances of devices, education and testing or inspection methods. These efforts assist the consumer and business in enforcing equity in the marketplace.

"The need for weights and measures vigilance to ensure equity in the marketplace is more important than ever," said Chuck Brooke, department director. "As we enter the 1990s, metrication as a common entity by federal agencies and the European Common Market increase the challenges of weights and measures in increased international trade."

George Washington, in his first annual message to Congress, stated that the "uniformity in currency, weights and measures of the United States is an object of great importance, and will, I am persuaded, be duly attended to."

This year also commemorates the 75th anniversary of the National Conference on Weights and Measures sponsored by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, formerly the National Bureau of Standards.

The DOC's weights and measures office has 100 percent membership in the National Conference and supports the effort in uniformity through the annual meetings as they formulate mode laws, uniform training, and specifications and tolerances for devices.

To guarantee equity in the marketplace, the bureau inspects and tests all gas pumps, scales in supermarkets and other stores, small stock scales, large vehicle scales, oil truck meters and other weighing and measuring devices.

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